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ALABAMA STATE TROOPER CLASS 2006-A GRADUATES

37 New Troopers Join Ranks of Alabama Highway Patrol

MONTGOMERY — Thirty-seven new Alabama state troopers were sworn into service Thursday, June 22, during graduation ceremonies in Montgomery. Department of Public Safety Director Col. W.M. Coppage administered the oath of office to commission the new troopers.

Coppage commended Alabama's newest troopers for their achievement and welcomed them to the ranks of the Highway Patrol. "You now join an elite group within the law enforcement community – the Alabama State Troopers. You've demonstrated determination and endurance in completing a demanding training regimen. I encourage you to bring that same commitment and professionalism to your duties in the patrol division and throughout your careers as Alabama troopers. I wish you much success."

The graduating troopers completed 24 weeks of training at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center in Selma in preparation for initial duty assignments in the Highway Patrol Division. After reporting to trooper posts across Alabama, they begin 10 weeks of field training under the supervision of veteran state troopers.

Several class members were recognized for outstanding achievement among their peers. Gary D. Mobley earned the Academic Award for achieving the highest overall grade point average and the Highway Response and Driving Award for demonstrating a high level of knowledge and ability in defensive and pursuit driving. The Firearms Award went to Jeffrey A. Reaves for exhibiting the highest level of knowledge, skill and safety in firearms training. Fitness Awards went to James Shadrick for attaining the highest level of physical fitness and Adriel J. Carr for achieving the greatest improvement in physical fitness.

Randy M. Hughes was selected as the class's top performer overall, receiving the Commander's Award for exhibiting exceptional leadership, professionalism and dedication to Class 2006-A and the Department of Public Safety, while maintaining a high academic average.

Coppage said the addition of these newest troopers to the Highway Patrol would be valuable to Public Safety's traffic enforcement efforts. He thanked Gov. Bob Riley for his commitment to hiring additional troopers and said another class of troopers is currently in training at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center. Additional classes of troopers are planned this year.

Coppage said the department is seeking qualified applicants for trooper. Recruiting information is available on Public Safety's Web site, www.dps.state.al.us, and at most Highway Patrol and Driver License offices, according to Coppage. Trooper recruiter Lt. Karl Wade also may be reached at (334) 242-3428 to answer questions about the position of Alabama state trooper and other jobs within the Alabama Department of Public Safety.

A list of the members of Class 2006-A and the counties to which they are assigned follows.

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Members of Alabama State Trooper Class 2006-A

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assigned County</u>
Demetrice Banks	Tuscaloosa
Jason W. Baxley	Chilton
Adriel J. Carr	Limestone
Johnny B. Clark	Tuscaloosa
Brian Davis	Mobile
Harold Davis	Talladega
Lucy M. Edwards	Macon
Anthony L. Ellis	Henry
Christopher Gibson	Mobile
Jeffery B. Harris	Tuscaloosa
James M. Hendrix	Chilton
Kenneth Holzheimer	Madison
Kerry A. Horton	Dallas
Randy M. Hughes	Lawrence
Jennifer M. Jacobs	Dallas
Marlon D. Jordan	Lowndes
Christopher L. King	Perry
Matthew Kuykendall	Clay
Joseph H. McDonald	Tuscaloosa
Nathan M. Mills	Macon
William C. Mink	Blount
Gary D. Mobley	Talladega
Tracy D. Morgan	Bibb
Glenn W. Odom	Morgan
Jerod S. Peak	Butler
Jeffrey A. Reaves	Cullman
Adarryll L. Reeves	Mobile
Jeffrey Rotenberry	Tuscaloosa
James Shadrick	Cullman
James B. Snyder	Crenshaw
Anthony T. Stewart	Walker
Michael Strickland	Mobile
Derrick Tellis	Cullman
Matthew D. Vaughn	Cullman
Daniel D. Warr	Chilton
Justin J. Williams	Monroe
Keith N. Wilson	Sumter

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